

DW 03-122

MANCHESTER WATER WORKS

Petition to Extend Service Area in Town of Hooksett

Order Nisi Granting Petition

O R D E R N O. 24,197

July 31, 2003

On June 10, 2003, Manchester Water Works (MWW) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition to extend its existing service area in the Town of Hooksett. Manchester intends to provide service under its existing tariff for customers outside its municipal boundaries to a single additional lot in Hooksett consisting of Map 40, Lot 15 on Prescott Heights near its intersection with Morrill Road. Manchester's petition indicates that the owner of the lot has expressed a desire for water service by Manchester.

The Department of Environmental Services has confirmed the suitability and availability of Manchester's water supplies to provide service to the proposed service area as required by RSA 374:22, III. According to the petition, there is no other water utility service in the area. In a letter dated May 19, 2003, the Town of Hooksett stated that it supports the proposed service extension. RSA 374:26 provides that the Commission may grant the permission requested by the petition without a hearing "when all interested parties are in agreement." While there has been no opposition to the petition filed with the Commission, in

order to ensure that all interested parties receive notice of the proposal and an opportunity to request a hearing if they deem it necessary, we will approve the petition on a Nisi basis.

Based on the above facts, we find that allowing Manchester to extend its service area as requested is for the public good.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED NISI, that subject to the effective date below, Manchester Water Works is granted permission pursuant to RSA 374:22 and 26 to extend its service area to the Town of Hooksett consisting of Tax Map 40, lot 15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petitioner shall cause a copy of this Order Nisi to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation or of circulation in the Hooksett area, and shall send a copy of same to the Hooksett town clerk by first class mail, such actions to be no later than August 5, 2003 and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before August 11, 2003; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this petition be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing on this matter before the Commission no later than August 11, 2003; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than August 12, 2003; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order Nisi shall be effective August 13, 2003, unless the Petitioner fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirty-first day of July, 2003.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary